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Applicant: JAMES C. BUTTS ET AL

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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.137(b)

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed 23 January 2003 in the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The Notice of Abandonment was based on failure to timely pay the required issue fee within statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. A Secrecy Order request was made on 12 December 2002. The resulting Secrecy Order is enclosed. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicants' respectively authorize the USPTO to charge the Petition and Issue fee against Deposit Account No. 14-0590.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully requested that the USPTO withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The Issue fee is transmitted with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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23 February 2004

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